HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - JULY 19TH 2021

Purpose: To promote human rights, personal dignity, and positive relations between all residents and visitors to the Town of Maynard.

Meeting Date: Monday July 19th 2021, 7pm

Location: Zoom

Members Present:

- Chris DiSilva (Selectboard Liaison)
- Kathleen FitzGerald (Chair)
- Michael Lisasa
- Michael Noble (Police Chief)
- Eliot Prisby

Guests

- Veronica Zolina

I. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement (Ms. FitzGerald/Mr. Lisasa)

- Meeting called to order by Ms. FitzGerald at 7:04pm.
- Explanation of online meeting rules by Ms. FitzGerald.
- Land acknowledgment by Mr. Prisby.

II. Approval of Minutes (June 21st 2021 Meeting)

- Approval of minutes was postponed since there was not a quorum of present members.

III. Public Comment (Community Concerns/3 minutes per speaker)

- No public comments.

IV. Quarterly Immigration Report (Chief Noble)

- Quarterly immigration report by Chief Noble. One incident involving ICE from April, no follow-up with Maynard Police.

V. Previous Business

- Draft statement on Anti-Asian violence (Ms. FitzGerald and Mr. Prisby)
 - Statement approved by Selectboard. Ms. FitzGerald will sign it along with the Selectboard chair David Gavin. Town Administrator Greg Johnson will provide letterhead, and Mr. Prisby and Ms. FitzGerald will mail the statement to local Asian-owned businesses.

- Vote on statement supporting the family of Mikayla Miller (Ms. Warren)

- Ms. FitzGerald read the final draft of the statement of support. The committee discussed the death of Mikayla Miller and the social circumstances surrounding her death. The committee decided to abstain from voting until Ms. Warren is present.

VI. New Business - Goodbye and Thank You to Mr. Lisasa

- The committee said goodbye and thank you to Mr. Lisasa and discussed his replacement.

VII. Set Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting set for September 20th 2021 at 7pm.

VIII. Adjourn

- Ms. FitzGerald motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Prisby seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.